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TAGS: TECH, TGEN, EC

SUBJECT: URANIUM ENRICHMENT: NEGOTIATIONS WITH USAEC

REF: OTTAWA 0008

1. FONMIN NUCLEAR AFFAIRS OFFICIAL HERPELS INFORMS  
US THAT BELGIAN EURODIF PARTICIPANT SOBEN WROTE TO  
ECONOMICS MINISTER CLAES ON DEC. 27 ASKING FOR AUTHORITY  
TO NEGOTIATE (AS PART OF EURODIF) ON BEHALF OF GOB WITH  
USAEC TOWARDS US-EURODIF TECHNOLOGICAL COLLABORATION.  
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OTHER EURODIF PARTICIPANTS REPORTEDLY ALSO REQUESTING

OFFICIAL AUTHORIZATION FOR SUCH NEGOTIATIONS. SOBEN INCLUDES BELGIAN ELECTRIC UTILITIES AND MOL NUCLEAR RESEARCH CENTER, LATTER IN FACT GIVING GOB DIRECT VOICE IN NEGOTIATIONS, SINCE ECONMIN SEC GEN BAEYENS IS ALSO DIRECTOR GENERAL ON MOL. NO DIFFIC LTY THEREFORE ANTICIPATED IN OBTAINING GOB AUTHORIZATION.

2. HERPELS GAVE US STRONG IMPRESSION THAT EURODIF PROJECT ACTIVELY MOVING AHEAD (CONTRARY TO CANADIAN ASSESSMENT). LAST EURODIF MEETING DECIDED ON INCREASE OF CAPITAL FROM FF 100 MILLION TO FF 259 MILLION IN MAY 1974.

3. TWO IMMEDIATE PROBLEM\* ARE SITING AND SWEDISH PARTICIPATION. CHOICE OF SITE EXPECTED HOWEVER TO BE ADE BY MYD-JANUARY BETWEEN FRENCH AND ITALIAN SITE PROPOSALS. SWEDES REPORTEDLY WILL NOT DECIDE ON PARTICIPATION UNTIL MID-JUNE. SWEDISH SHARE OF 10 PERCENT, IF TAKEN OVER BY FRENCH, WOULD GIVE FRANCE MAJORITY HOLDING, WHICH OTHER COUNTRIES OPPOSE. PROBLEM IS TO FIND OTHER PARTICIPANTS TO TAKE 10 PERCENT IF SWEDES DECIDE NOT TO JOIN. STRAUZ-HUPE

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